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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAM & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELLO & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGES & CO., Shanghai, LAMM, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALKER, Manila. C. HEINRICH & CO., Macao. L. A. DA GRADA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—H. HOPKINS, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SABROO, Esq.

E. R. BILLIOTT, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq. A. HOLYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

Mr. CARL KREBS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTEAD.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Office, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. my18

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSE, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

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WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSE, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRICKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 31, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGFRIED.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

AUCTIONS.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 25th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 31, Queen's Road,—

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—Damask Covered Chairs, Couches, Pictures, Mirrors, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Glasses.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap25

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PERL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

MONDAY,

the 30th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of on the day previously advertised), at his Residence, No. 1, Fray's East,—

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pie Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Rail Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Decks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown,—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE, 1 SAW MILL, by FOREST & BARK, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also,

1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And,

At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co., One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. sp30

Intimations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf, Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

WM. CRICKSHANK,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 31, 1876.

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CARLOWITZ & Co., Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

36, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

TANJONG

PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED,

SINGAPORE.

THE BUSINESS of this Company was Resumed immediately after the Fire.

Vessels will obtain the usual Despatch and Coal Supplies.

E. M. SMITH,

Manager.

April 23, 1877.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

1875-1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of One Hundred Taels (Ts. 100) per SHARE, Sanctioned at the General Meeting of Shareholders, Held on the 9th Inst., will be Payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK on and after FRIDAY, 18th April, 1877.

Warrants for the Return on Premiums will be issued shortly on completion of the adjustment of the Contingent Accounts.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

HERBERT S. MORRIS,

Secretary.

Shanghai, April 10, 1877. ap25

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBAY."

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs Dobson & Co., under special survey of Lloyds', and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when new SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculares, 110 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASSE.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds.

KIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.)

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet: Loaded 12 feet.

THE CHINA MAIL.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, AT EAST POINT.
FRESH CALIFORNIA HAY AND OATS,
Just Received, ex "Mary Whitridge."
Apply to L. L. BUSH.
Hongkong, April 10, 1877.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.
THE AMENDED HONG LIST
in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.
Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.
At the "China Mail" Office.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby notifies that he is the SOLE OWNER of the Chinese House known as WAI YIN FONG, in Stanton Street, erected on Inland Lot No. 167. They are all the Property of YONG SUI, and nobody else has any interest in them, nor has the Undersigned any Partners in this Estate. He issues this notice to prevent disputes.

YEONG SUI,

TAI YIN SHOP.
Hongkong, April 10, 1877.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain FITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, April 24, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 24, *Sorogon*, Spanish steamer, 174, J. Checa, Manila April 20, General.—
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.
April 24, *Brauner Castle*, British steamer, 1424, Ayles, Saigon April 20, Rice.—
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.
April 24, *State of Louisiana*, British steamer, 1216, D. H. Johnston, R.N.R., Saigon April 20, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 24, *Zambesi*, for Shanghai.
24, *Nuevo Constante*, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Corinne, for Bangkok.
Anglo Saxon, for London.
State of Louisiana, for Amoy.
Viscount McDuff, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Sorogon*, from Manila, Mr Geo. Waghorn.
Per *Brauner Castle*, from Saigon, Mr D. B. Grant, and 12 Chinese.
Per *State of Louisiana*, from Saigon, 13 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Zambesi*, for Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Schönhof, Mrs Lemarchand, Miss Robinson, Dr. Hippé, Messrs P. Dank, F. Park, and E. Gammon.

TO DEPART.

Per *State of Louisiana*, for Amoy, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Sorogon* reports fine weather all the way until nearing Hongkong, when had dark cloudy weather. The British steamer *State of Louisiana* reports: Left Saigon on the 20th inst., had experienced very fine weather and light winds from N.E. and S.E. until we made the Ladrones, from thence to this port heavy rain and fog, with thunder and lightning. Arriving here at 7.30 a.m.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For NICOLAJEFSK.—

Per Schooner *UZZIAH*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per *DOUGLAS*, at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per *GADSHILL*, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE FREIGHT PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *IRAOUDADDY*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 27th Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877.

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MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *LOMBARDY*, Captain Hall, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 8th May, at noon.

For further particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MISTRESS BETTY, American ship, Captain David Plumer,—Gibson & Co.

ROBINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen,—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ROBERTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown,—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ADVENTURE, British ship, Captain John Anderson,—Meyer & Co.

NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garrick, Douglas Lapraik & Co.

COCKNAVE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson,—Weller & Co.

TULLOSONCUM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Murray,—Weller & Co.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet *GALLOP* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 26.—

10 a.m.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.
3 p.m.—*Gadhill*—leaves for Singapore and Penang.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral.
Goods per *Sindh* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, April 27.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
Goods per *Feronia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Glengyle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 28.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.
Tartar leaves for Shanghai and Hankow on or about this date.

Goods per *Zambesi* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, April 29.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr F. Pell's residence, Praya East.

TUESDAY, May 1.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, May 2.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Creditors in re George Frank Graham, a Bankrupt, at the Court House.

SATURDAY, May 5.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

TUESDAY, May 8.—

Noon.—Sale of Ground, at Sow-kei-wan.

TUESDAY, May 15.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at Lane, Crawford's, Queen's Road.

Shipping.

Fancy leaves for Manila on or about this date.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO., FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, IMPORTERS

OF DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potash Water, Saraparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.20 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1877.

IT must be now somewhere about six months since His Excellency Mr John Pope Hennessy received notice of his appointment to the Governorship of this Colony, but it would seem that half a year is not sufficient time for Her Majesty's Government to prepare the letters-patent of his commission. We must confess that when we caught the term "Lieutenant-Governor" during the reading of His Excellency's commission at the ceremony in the Council Chamber yesterday, we concluded that we either misunderstood the application of the expression, or that its presence was due to the wonderful circumlocution and abstruseness which usually distinguish official documents, and as frequently signify nothing. It is, however, a fact that Mr John Pope Hennessy is only Lieutenant-Governor of Hongkong at the present moment. We understand that the letters-patent concerning him on the title and powers of Governor are expected here within the next month, but in the meantime Hongkong must try to get along with a Lieutenant-Governor. The affixing of the Great Seal of England, which we believe is the distinguishing feature in the preparation of letters-patent, is no doubt a very important proceeding, but we decline to believe that it cannot be accomplished in a satisfactory and thoroughly dignified manner within the space of six months. To speak plainly, we think it is perfectly discreditable to the responsible authorities in Downing Street that Mr Hennessy should have been sent out here without his letters-patent as Governor of this Colony. The proceeding is unfair to Mr. Hennessy because he comes here shorn of his proper title, and is almost made to appear as if he were here on probation; it is also unfair to Hongkong, because we, as a first-class Colony, enjoying the privilege of paying a military contribution of over \$20,000 a year, and other similar prerogatives, possess the right to have a fully titled Governor at our head. His Excellency, in the course of his speech yesterday, said that "there is no Colony in the British Empire superior to Hong-

kong in the fact that it is, perhaps, of all the distant portions of the British Empire, the most important in its commercial transactions," and as we have the assurance of our local contemporary that this speech "was modest but manly, neither egotistical nor pompous," we can do nothing less than call upon the Home Government for explanations in regard to this unaccountable dilatoriness. Seriously, the speech of His Excellency is calculated to give great satisfaction to the mercantile community of Hongkong. The life and spirit of this Colony is its mercantile transactions; take away its trade with the mainland, and Hongkong becomes reduced to a few barren, miserable rocks, with products insufficient to support half-a-dozen Chinamen. If His Excellency makes it his special aim "to promote, and, if need be, to protect those commercial relations," he and the community here will, we feel assured, get along exceedingly well together.

Subsequently, at 11.30, a deputation from the Consular Body in the Colony waited on His Excellency, at Government House, for the purpose of paying their respects to him.

Among those present were Commodore Watson, Secretary Robinson, Captain Smith and Buller, C.R., Commanders Hiphiley and Heather, Lieutenant Sirling, and Messrs Brenner, Joey, and Hayes.

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SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before the Chief Justice Sir John SMALE.)
24th April, 1877.

A Ling v. A. N. Love, \$101.55.—This was a claim by a Chinese tailor. The defendant admitted the debt, but the reason he gave for not paying was that he had no money at present. He was a master mariner, and when he had money, he told the plaintiff to come for it. He had never come, and the result was that he had lent the money to Mr. Anthony, of Messrs Broadbent, Anthony & Co., when he was in difficulties. Mr. Anthony had been adjudicated a bankrupt, and the defendant stood in the list of the bankrupt's schedule as a creditor for \$300. He could not pay now, but would do so as soon as he got employment. Judgment for the plaintiff.

Cheung Chai v. Ng Wing Sek, \$1,000.—The claim was on two promissory notes, which the defendant admitted. He said he got the money in order to carry on the work of building the Cosmopolitan Dock, and Messrs Spratt & Co. owed him more than \$10,000 now. An arrangement had been come to whereby he would receive a certain amount every month, and when he got his money he would pay the plaintiff. Judgment for the plaintiff, but execution was not to be issued without the special order of the Court.

Mr. Wotton appeared for the plaintiff.

Wong Yin v. Mak Wah Chan, \$8.50.—The claim was for the value of eight blocks and five pitchforks, lent to the defendant.

A deal of evidence was taken, and his Lordship took great pains to arrive at the truth, as there appeared at the outset to be hard swearing on one side or the other, and he was determined to find out the guilty party. The plaintiff and the defendant, it seems, were shopkeepers at Tai-kok-tau, Britiah Kowloon. The defendant borrowed the articles of the plaintiff to assist him in his trade of breaming boats. The defendant denied that he ever borrowed the things of him, as they belonged to one Chung Fat Po. The plaintiff admitted that the things originally belonged to Chung Fat Po, but he had run away and left the things in the shop. He owed the landlord some rent and the plaintiff took over the liability with the understanding that he was to keep the things. In addition to this indebtedness, Chung Fat Po owed the plaintiff some money for goods sold, so that the blocks &c. were kept as security also. But the weak points in the defendant's story were the contradictory statements of the defendant and his witness. He said—“Chung Fat Po's son handed him the things, while Chung Fat Po said he himself handed them to the defendant. There were other minor discrepancies which showed plainly that the defendant's story was to a certain extent concocted. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff and sent the defendant to one month's imprisonment for contempt of Court. His witness was allowed to go away with a caution.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TURKISH QUESTION.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Canton, 24th April, 1877.

SIR.—On the evening of the 7th of November I drew a copy of the situation resulting from the protracted diplomatic campaign as seen from my point of view, in the light of telegrams down to that of October 20th, the latest at hand, at that very moment; and if you will permit me to refer you thereto, you will find in your issue of the 9th item that the central point of the view was presented as follows:

“The Turk shall be compelled by others to relax his grasp of the Christians of his European provinces, at least; and thus Mohammedanism experience a material and moral check that subversive England's interests in India, whilst she does not appear in antagonism to it. She neither forfeits her place as the champion of humanity, nor impairs her rule over Mohammedan subjects.”

And now that the event of the hour presents the reality of our vision, what need that we portray the varying lights and shadows of the scene that for nearly six months have seemed to mock all the resources of diplomacy and all the hopes of humanity? Happily the pencil is not now withheld by a horror of the atrocities that before forbade realistic portrayal. But now that the tension of suspense is relaxed, we may again be permitted to give rein to conjecture, lest events quite outstrip our thought.

According to such light as we yet have, the actual programme seems about as follows:—Bulgaria is to be annexed to Roumania, forming a Confederation; Bosnia is to be governed by an Austrian Archduke; Herzegovina is to be given to Montenegro; Stara-Serbia annexed to Serbia; Thessaly and Epirus to Greece; leaving to the Turks Constantinople and Roumelia.

COSMOPOLITAN.

Manila.

April 17, 1877.

Our trade for this last fortnight sums up as follows:

Imports.—From 7th to 18th inst.—Hemp 21,120 pds., Indigo 90 boxes, Rice 42,829 cabs., Sugar 86,728 pds., Coffee 2,627 pds., Paddy 4,760 cabs., Sapanwood 3,580 pds., Caviar 58 cabs.

Exports.—From 7th to 17th inst.—Hemp 28,376 pds., Indigo 120 pds., Oil liquid 51 cabs., Sugar 46,595 pds., Coffee 771 pds., M. O. F. Shell 190 pds., Hides 127 pds., Cigars 579 mils., Rope 409 pds., Sapanwood 5,185 pds., Leaf tobacco 18,300 cabs.

Exchange.—Hongkong (eight) 6½ per cent. discount; Amoy (slight) 6½ per cent. discount.

Frigate.—The British barque "Stern" has been chartered to go to the Channel f. o. at 26.10 for dry Sugar.

The British ship "Orbua" has been also engaged for the Channel f. o. at 42.2.6 for Sugar, and \$4.10 for Hemp.

The French barque "Caricosa" has been freighted for London at £3 for Sugar, £3.5 for Coffee, and £4.15 a £4.10 for Hemp.

The British ship "Parthia" has been also engaged for Liverpool at £4.7.8 Hemp.

PAYMENT TO THE COLLECTION OF TOBACCO.
Government Decree of this Island dated Manila the 6th of April, 1877.

Article 1st. Government will issue Treasury bonds to the amount of \$3,325,000,

the equivalent of the amount the Finance Department owes to the Tobacco planters for the year 1875 and 1876, and a part of 1874.

Article 2nd. These bonds will be exchanged for the receipt that actually represent said amount and which will be immediately destroyed.

Article 3rd. The Treasury Bonds will be properly numbered and divided into various series, of different valuations to be used for all transactions, and to be admitted for their whole value.

They may be useful for payments due on 31st December of 1878 for the Tobacco planters, for the taxes of the natives, and of the half castes, satorum. Also for guarantee on Government Contracts for public services.

Article 4th. Said Government Bonds will be funded from the month of July next, at monthly public auctions, and to the extent of such an amount as the State of the Treasury will allow, and which will not be less than \$60,000 per month.

Arrivals.—April 11, Marivales, from Singapore; 14, Elizabeth, from Singapore and Sooloo.

Departures.—April 11, Salvadoras, for Hongkong and Amoy; 12, Mary Ann Wilson, for Liverpool, Adelina, for New York via Iloilo; 15, Panay, for Hongkong, Aurora, for Liverpool via Singapore and Cadiz; 16, Lightning, for New York, Villa de Rivas, Iloilo; 17, Severn, for Falmouth.

Shipping in Harbour on 17th.—Parties, Frans Amanda, Western Belle, Daniel Francis, Carissa, Omba, Sarah Nicholson, Cosmopolita, Herrmann, Marivales, and Chartie.

Iloilo, April 10.—Price current.—Sugar. Prices were from \$4.75 to \$5. Holders of the article do not wish to sell for the present.

Rice.—Is in little demand. Pangasinan current being quoted to \$1.25 to £1.37½. Sapawood.—No transaction.

Tobacco.—A good crop is expected. The Spa iah brig schooner Union arrived from Hongkong with general cargo, and on the 4th inst. she left for Dumaguete.

The German steamer Quarta, came in yesterday from Singapore, consigned to Messrs Luchinger & Co. to load current Sugar for London.—Mercurial Review.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

Cholera is now raging amongst us; since yesterday morning (April 12th) five fatal cases are reported.

It is currently reported, that, owing to there being some cases of cholera reported in Malacca, the Officer commanding the troops here (Malacca) has ordered the near St. Francis Xavier's Church leading to the barracks to be closed, to prevent persons crossing the Esplanade leading to the Manjeh Cabah District, and has further prohibited the men belonging to the 74th Regiment now stationed here, from either going to Tranquerah or any thickly populated districts, or even near the General Hospital, where some cases of real cholera are reported to have taken place.

It affords us much pleasure to record that the Chinese Community here have proved themselves anything but indifferent to the distressing accounts of the sufferings of famine of their fellow-countrymen in Shantung in the North of China, and have responded to the cry of distress as liberally as the Hongkong Community. The Honble the Colonial Secretary and the Honble Mr Whampoa have both taken an active interest in the matter, and we have been furnished with the following list of contributions, which have all been remitted by telegraph transfer:—

From Teo Chew Chiness collected by Tan Seng Poh, Esq. \$7,678.

From Cantones and Macaos collected by Hon. H. A. K. Whampoa, O.M.G. 2,000.

Total remitted through Govt \$9,678. Collected from Hokien Chiness and forwarded by Tan Bong Swee, Esq. 7,500

Total \$17,178.

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The correspondent of the Standard gives the following information respecting Col Gordon's appointment:—

“In appointing Colonel Gordon, or, as he is known here, Gordon Pacha, Governor-General of the Soudan and of the Equatorial Provinces, the Khedive has taken the first effectual steps towards the suppression of the slave trade in his dominions. Whatever doubts may have been entertained as to his Highness's zeal in this cause no one has ever existed as to that of the officer who has now been appointed the ruler over a large portion of Egyptian territory, not of his determination to stamp out the traffic by every means in his power. It is well known that it was only at the earnest entreaty of the Khedive, and upon being promised unlimited power over the district to be committed to his charge, that Colonel Gordon consented to return to the country. There is a strong reason to believe that his requisitions on this point received the strong, though unofficial, support of the English Government. No matter how it may have been brought about, henceforth Gordon Pacha will practically reign supreme over the vast territory lying between the Soudan Catatan and the Lakes Victoria and Albert Nyanza, and from thence to the shores of the Red Sea, including the ports of Souakin and Massowah. Already steamers are being constructed and engineers engaged for the navigation of Albert Nyanza and other almost unknown sheets of water, whose existence has only of late years been revealed to us; and further discoveries may not unreasonably be looked for which will open up fresh channels for the commerce of the world. One of the first duties entrusted to Colonel Gordon is the delicate task of arranging the terms of peace between his neighbour, King John, and the Khedive, and with this object he is to say for Massowah within the next day or two in the corvette "Latif," belonging to the Egyptian navy. Whether the King of Abyssinia's terms will be such as Egypt can accept or otherwise it would be premature at present to say, though bearing in mind the Abyssinian Monarch's predictions for England and England, no one can doubt that in nominating Colonel Gordon to be the negotiator the Khedive has done much to render a favourable result possible.”

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UNDER THE CLOCK.

(Word.)

Wednesday, February 28.—Early prayers and the drowsy atmosphere of the House on a quiet afternoon are so conducive to pious meditation that our thoughts are on this day of the week almost invariably directed to questions involving moral and religious considerations.

Sometimes towards five o'clock we may be invited to exchange “apostolic blows and knocks,” but for the most part we are charitable towards our Digny Grands, and tender at this season towards the little innocents. There was every reason why Mr. Chaplin should come down cheerfully in the full belief that his godchild, the Threshing Machines Bill, would advance towards its final stage. It had been received with open arms by the bucolic section of the House; nobody had spoken a harsh word to it; and the sympathies of Scotch and Irish members had been specially interested in its favour. But, alas, Mr. Biggar had not been appeased, and like a wicked fairy he was bent on mischief.

When Mr. Gladstone warned Mr. Chaplin of the tschibuktschi, when kindling the pipe, rakes with his tongue in the coal-pail till he has found a flat round piece. Though the Tschibuktschi is all quite natural, yet it is a comic spectacle to follow the attendant in the discharge of his various duties. Holding the long pipe in his right hand, and the round brass dish in his left, the attendant moves with serious face and with measured step toward his master. At a distance from his master, which is exactly equal to the length of the pipe-stalk, he kneels. He puts down the brass dish, then he places the pipe on the dish; then, describing a half-circle with the stalk, he inserts the mouthpiece with the utmost accuracy between the open lips of his master. While the master is taking hold of the stalk the attendant rises from the floor, and he has scarcely retreated a step, when a cloud of smoke, sent forth by a deep breath, envelopes him and everything around. The first draw is deemed insignificant; the second and third are reckoned the best; the fourth is regarded as bad; the fifth is thoroughly despised by the niootian epicure.

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